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C O N F I D E N T I A L DACCA 6543

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: FIRYUBIN VISIT

REF: DACCA 6478

1. WHEN FOREIGN SECRETARY CALLED IN ACTING DCM (IN ABSENCE OF AMBASSADOR FROM CITY), DECEMBER 30, ON ANOTHER SUBJECT, HE ALSO DISCUSSED BRIEFLY VISIT OF SOVIET DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER TO BANGLADESH. TABARAK DESCRIBED VISIT MUCH ALONG LINES OF REFTEL BUT SUGGESTED THAT DEFENSE ASPECTS MAY HAVE BEEN A BIT MORE FAVORABLE TO BANGLADESH THAN EARLIER INDICATIONS.

2. TABARAK SAID THAT BDG HAD COMPLAINED TO SOVIETS ABOUT CUT OFF OF SPARE PARTS FOR RUSSIAN ORIGIN MILITARY EQUIPMENT IN ITS INVENTORY AND ALSO OF MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES FOR SOVIET AIDED OIL AND GAS PROJECTS. HE SAID FIRYUBIN AGREED THAT SPARE PARTS FOR BOTH WOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE. IF THIS EVENTUATES IN MILITARY AREA IT WOULD MAKE OPERABLE A NUMBER OF DEADLINED MIG FIGHTERS AND
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HELICOPTERS NOW UNABLE TO FLY.

3. AT ANOTHER POINT IN CONVERSATION TABARAK SAID THAT BDG WAS AWARE THAT SOVIETS WERE AIDING DISSIDENT POLITICAL ELEMENTS IN BANGLADESH, COMPARING THIS TO INDIAN ACTIONS AND CONTRASTING IT WITH CHINESE.

4. COMMENT: ON LAST POINT, THERE IS REPORT THAT ONE OF
POLITICAL LEADERS WHO WAS TO HAVE BEEN ARRESTED NOVEMBER 29
AND WHO IS FUGITIVE MAY BE INSIDE SOVIET EMBASSY. LEADER,
MOHIUDDIN AHMAD, IS ACTING PRESIDENT OF AWAMI LEAGUE,
AND WAS EARLIER ASSOCIATED WITH FACTION OF NATIONAL AWAMI
PARTY DESCRIBED AS "PRO-MOSCOW". EVEN IF THIS IS
NOT CASE TO WHICH TABARAK WAS REFERRING, SOVIET ENCOURAGE-
MENT TO LEFT GROUP IN AWAMI LEAGUE AND TO PRO-MOSCOW FACTION
OF NAP IS WIDELY ASSUMED TO EXIST.
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